

# The Daily Courant.

Friday, February 7. 1718.

London, February 7.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland.

From the Amst. Courant, dated Feb. 10.

Vienna, January 26.

**T**HE Governour of Bosnia has let the Governour of Belgrade know, that he will exchange our Officers that are Prisoners, against 60 Turks that were taken last Winter by General Petrasch, among whom there is an Aga. And he has also desired the Governour to use those Prisoners better, promising to treat ours very kindly; and the Express who brought this Request, assures, that our Officers are supplied by the Bassa with Cloaths, and other Necessaries, and eat daily at his Table. In the mean time, General Petrasch demands 40000 Florins for his Prisoners, but Prince Eugene thinks it reasonable they should be releas'd for a moderate Ransom, the rather, because the 7 Officers of ours that are Prisoners will thereby recover their Liberty, whose Service will be infinitely more beneficial to us than the detaining these 60 Turks. The same Express, who is an Effendi, has told our Officers at Belgrade, that there is no more Talk of Peace among them, and that on the contrary, Preparations for War are making greater than ever; that the Murmuring among the common People is silenc'd, and the Differences among the Ottoman Ministers are made up, so that they are all now unanimously for carrying on the War with the utmost Vigour; and that the last great Divan had agreed and determin'd, that the War ought to be continued, and no Peace made without the Restoration of Belgrade, or at least that Fortrefs dismantled, in regard that the Porte cannot otherwise be in Safety. Our Court is not at all surpris'd at this, having expected no less, and therefore the Preparations for the next Campaign have been industriously carried on.

From the Amst. Courant, dated Feb. 12.

Vienna, Jan. 29. The Imperial Lieutenant, who was sent by the British Ambassadour Mr. Wortley Montague some Months ago from Passarowitz to Adrianople, with a Letter from Prince Eugene to the same Vizier, is at last come back to Belgrade, accompanied by a Turkish Aga, with the Vizier's Answer to the said Prince. The long tarrying of this Lieutenant, made us apprehend that some Misfortune had befallen him upon his Journey; but we now understand that the Turks, under Pretence that their Great Divan must first Assemble, detain'd him so long for the Answer of the Grand Vizier. This Answer being written in the Turkish Tongue, is translated here into German: But 'tis said M. Hamel Bruynins, Envoy of the States General at this Court, has already receiv'd from M. Collyer their High Mightinesses Ambassadour at the Porte, a Translation of it, and also a Letter for their High Mightinesses. From these Translations it appears that the Prime Vizier will not answer satisfactorily to the Proposal of Prince Eugene, namely, that the Porte shall by Way of Preliminary positively declare whether they are willing to agree that both Sides shall keep what they now possess: But he gives to understand, that all that the Bassa of Nizaz wrote, that the Ottomans would willingly relinquish Belgrade and Temeswaer, provided they might be assur'd that no further Conquest should be attempted upon them; was the Effect of Fear, and written without Order from the Porte. This Letter of the Grand Vizier's is couch'd in General Terms, expressing that the Porte is well dispos'd to Peace, and to the restoring of good Friendship and Neighbourhood with the Imperial Court, not doubting that the Emperour, for saving the further Effusion of Blood, will have the same good Sentiments; and that the Sultan for that

purpose has named Passarowitz, Thibitz, or Fetidau, as Places fit for the Negotiation, leaving the choice of either of them to his Imperial Majesty; to which he adds, that he (the Grand Vizier) had given Charge to the Ottoman Troops to undertake nothing against the Imperialists till further Order. He also gives to understand, that the Porte will be willing to accept the Mediation of the Holland Ambassadour Count Collyer, together with the British. But we are of Opinion, that our Court will pay little Regard to these general and loose Declarations of the Ottomans, and unless they explain themselves more clearly, will enter into no Treaty; even altho' M. Collyer, in his Letter to M. Bruyninx, has intimated, that by what he has observ'd, he is of Opinion, that the Turks would be willing to resign Temeswaer and its District to the Emperour, but not Belgrade. But that however it is not improbable, that even that too may be given, upon the Condition of their having an Equivalent for it in Bosnia; or that otherwise, the Porte will give a Sum of Money to the Emperour for Leave to build a Fortrefs at Semlin near Belgrade, whereby both Empires will have their Securities; and thus the Peace being made upon a good Foot, will be durable.

From the Amst. Gazette, dated Feb. 11.

Hamburg, Feb. 4. Yesterday M. Poussin received Dispatches from Sweden, which he sent forward to the Court of France. According to the last Advices from Schonen, the King of Sweden continues to make great Preparations for attempting an Invasion of Zealand, in case the Frost endure, and the Ice be strong enough to pass over; but 'tis however generally believ'd they will end only in some new Attempts against Norway.

They write from Hanover, that they had received Orders there from his Britannick Majesty, to grant to all his Subjects of Bremen, and other parts of his Dominions where the late Inundation penetrated, an Exemption from Taxes for two Years; to the End that they may be the more able speedily to repair the Dykes, to which Work his Majesty is willing to contribute out of his own Revenues.

London, February 7.

We find in the Dutch Gazettes an Account from Berlin, dated Feb 1, that 'twas reported there, that two several Expresses from Russia had brought Advice, that the Czar is dead of a violent Fit of the Cholick; and that upon the Arrival of a Courier at the Court of Mecklenburg, a great Consternation was observ'd in that Duke and his Duchesse, but no body dur'd enquire into the Cause of it, a great Secrecy being kept.

But as this is too important a Piece of News to be believ'd upon the first Report, we must suspend our giving Credit to it till further Advices arrive. And in the mean time, must observe, that 'tis apparent by the same Gazettes, that they knew nothing of this at Petersburg on the 14th of January.

London, February 7.

On Sunday next the 9th Instant, there will be two Charity Sermons preach'd at the Parish Church of St. Bowolph Aldergate, for the Benefit of the Boys School in that Parish; in the Morning, by the Right Reverend Father in God, Edward Lord Bishop of Litchfield and Coventry; in the Afternoon, by the Reverend Dr. Boulter, Arch-Deacon of Sarrey.

London, February 7.

Yesterday South Sea Stock was 118 1/2 half, to 121 1/2 half. Bank 136 1/2 half, to 136 1/2 half. India 209 1/2 half, to 209 1/2 half. African 17 one half.

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